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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on hens and toms, with hens in the tightest position. No trading activity reported. Parts and meats trading was fairly light due to the upcoming holiday weekend.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was fairly good with most trading centering on tom drums, frozen thigh meat and wings. Demand generally moderate with Mexico and Asia showing the most interest.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 26, 2000**

| | CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ | | | | FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/ | | | OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ | |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------|------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | OFFERS | SALES | WTD AVG | VOLUME (000) | WTD AVG | VOLUME (000) | DEL. PER | VOLUME (000) | DEL. PER |
| 8-16 LB HENS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 69-71 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 67-69 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 69-70 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION | 63-65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION | 65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 25, 2000**

| | CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ | | | | FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/ | | | OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ | |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------|------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | OFFERS | SALES | WTD AVG | VOLUME (000) | WTD AVG | VOLUME (000) | DEL. PER | VOLUME (000) | DEL. PER |
| 8-16 LB HENS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 69-71 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 67-69 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 891 | JUN-JUL |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 69 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION | 63-65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION | 65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 280 | JUN-JUL |

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) WEEK OF MAY 26, 2000

| | CURRENT WEEK | LAST WEEK | SAME WEEK YEAR AGO |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 8-16 LB HENS | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 69.80** | 70.00 | 65.90** |
| CENTRAL REGION | 68.30** | 68.10** | 65.90** |
| WESTERN REGION | 68.70** | 68.00** | 66.40** |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 64.90** | 64.50** | 68.40** |
| CENTRAL REGION | 64.50 | 63.90** | 67.90** |
| WESTERN REGION | 64.80** | 64.10** | 68.40** |

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

| | <u>RANGE</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16# | 84-90 |
| FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24# | 84-90 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16# | 73-75 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24# | 69-71 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28# | 70-74 |

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

| | <u>RANGE</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| TURKEYS Y HENS | 87-102 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22# | 87-102 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24# | 87-102 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26# | 87-102 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER | 92-102 |

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 29-MAY-2000

| | (8-16#) | (16-24#) |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | HENS LBS | TOMS LBS |
| | PRICE (000) | PRICE (000) |
| SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED) | 73.00 70 | 69.00 14 |
| SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED) | 73.00 70 | 69.00 14 |
| SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY) | | |
| SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED) | | |

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS** WEEK ENDING 13-May-2000
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

| | <u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u> | | | FRYER | OLD | TOTAL | TKY |
|-----------|------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|
| | THOUSAND | % CHG | AVG | RSTR | BANDED | | AVG |
| | HEAD | PW | WT | —THOUSAND | HEAD— | | WT |
| N EAST | 796 | -20 | 23.49 | NONE | NONE | 796 | 23.49 |
| S ATL | 667 | 0 | 31.42 | (A) | (A) | 681 | 31.29 |
| N CENT | 2,539 | 12 | 30.45 | (A) | (A) | 2,558 | 30.41 |
| S CENT | 749 | -11 | 20.42 | NONE | NONE | 749 | 20.42 |
| WEST | 207 | -17 | 26.51 | (A) | (A) | 214 | 26.51 |
| U.S.TOTAL | 4,958(B) | -1 | 27.78 | 0 | 40 | 4,998 | 27.76 |
| TO DATE | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 87,958(B) | | | 119 | 713 | 88,790 | |
| TO DATE | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | 90,052(B) | | | 0 | 595 | 90,647 | |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 39,000 for the year 317,000; last year to date 299,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 13-May-2000

| | YOUNG (A) | YOUNG BREEDERS | OLD BREEDERS | TOTAL |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|--------|
| | THOUSANDS | | | |
| HEAD | 4,919 | 39 | 40 | 4,998 |
| AVG WT | 27.52 | 33.13 | 25.65 | 27.76 |
| LAST WEEK | 4,982 | 46 | 27 | 5,055 |
| YR AGO | 5,487 | 4 | 24 | 5,515 |
| AVG WT | 26.57 | 27.75 | 25.17 | 26.57 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 87,760 | 317 | 713 | 88,790 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 89,753 | 299 | 595 | 90,647 |

(A) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 13-May-2000
FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 58; YOUNG 207 HD, 5,488 LBS,
TO DATE 4,596 HD, 113,242 LBS; OLD 7 HD, TO DATE 81 HD;
TOTAL 214 HD, TO DATE 4,735 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

| | |
|----------------|-------------|
| APRIL | 395,746 * |
| MAY 1-13, 2000 | 220,231 * |
| To date 2000 | 1,890,488 * |
| To date 1999 | 1,861,026 * |

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 25 MAY 2000.

Trade sentiment steady to firm on frozen thigh meat and tom drums with the strength due mostly to exports. Full-cut wing trade sentiment steady to fully steady on toms, hens fully steady. Two-joint wing trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Neck trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Trade sentiment on 4-8 lb. breasts mostly steady. Domestic demand was light to sometimes fair with trading centered on plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts and tom necks. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts mixed. Export demand ranged from fair to good on frozen thigh meat and drums, wings fair, balance light to moderate. Export trading was fair on tom drums, light on the balance of items.

| DOMESTIC TRADING | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ | | R | 104.50 | 40 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/ | 149.00 | | 149.00 | 30 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | 97.00-98.50 | | 98.31 | 320 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | | T | 23.00 | 13 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH | | W | 23.00 | 40 |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | | T | 24.00 | 200 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | 20.00 | | 20.00 | 20 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | 22.50 | | 22.50 | 23 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | F | 21.00 | 40 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | | R | 43.00 | 20 |
| NECKS, TOM | 13.00-16.00 | | 13.60 | 100 |
| NECKS, HEN | | T | 15.00 | 9 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | 173.00 | | 173.00 | 2 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/ | 174.00 | | 174.00 | 40 |
| THIGH MEAT | | T | 59.00 | 3 |
| THIGH MEAT—FRESH | 58.00 | | 58.00 | 100 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | 120.00 | | 120.00 | 16 |
| SCAPULA MEAT | | M | 96.00 | 40 |
| TENDERLOINS | 139.00 | | 139.00 | 10 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | | F | 155.00 | 40 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH | 176.00 | | 176.00 | 24 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | | F | 43.00 | 40 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | R | 12.50 | 80 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/ | 18.00 | | 18.00 | 20 |
| EXPORT TRADING | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | 23.00-26.25 | | 24.46 | 424 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | W | 18.50 | 104 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | | | |
| TAILS | 19.00 | | 19.00 | 80 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | W | 13.19 | 432 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 61.00 | | 61.00 | 160 |

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 MAY 2000.

Trade sentiment barely steady to fully steady, mostly steady on fresh tom breast meat. Some industry members indicated offers of fresh tom breast meat were fully adequate and buyers were reluctant to pay higher prices, while others were sold out for next week's shipments and were showing strength. The fresh mechanically separated turkey market continued slow for the abundant offerings with reports still noted of fresh being moved into pet foods at 7 cents delivered. Domestic trading centered on a fair volume of fresh tom breast meat, light on the balance of items. Export demand continued to be the most active on drums, thigh meat and wings. Trading consisted of light volumes. Tom defatted gizzards traded at 62.50 cents delivered port for export.

| DOMESTIC TRADING | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) | WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE | WEEKLY VOLUME (000) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ | | | | | | |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/ | | R | 149.00 | 30 | 149.00 | 30 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | | R | 98.31 | 320 | 98.31 | 320 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | 23.00-25.00 | | 23.05 | 205 | 23.05 | 218 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH | | W | 23.00 | 40 | 23.00 | 40 |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | 20.00 | | 20.00 | 40 | 23.33 | 240 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | 19.00-20.00 | | 19.87 | 254 | 19.94 | 481 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | | R | 22.50 | 23 | 22.50 | 23 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | F | 21.00 | 40 | | |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | | | | | | |
| NECKS, TOM | 15.00 | | 15.00 | 20 | 13.90 | 126 |
| NECKS, HEN | | T | 15.00 | 9 | 15.00 | 9 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | | R | 173.00 | 2 | 173.00 | 2 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/ | 172.00-174.00 | | 173.14 | 420 | 173.54 | 520 |
| THIGH MEAT | | T | 59.00 | 3 | 59.00 | 3 |
| THIGH MEAT—FRESH | 57.00 | | 57.00 | 20 | 59.13 | 160 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | | R | 120.00 | 16 | 120.00 | 16 |
| SCAPULA MEAT | 94.00-96.00 | | 95.00 | 80 | 95.33 | 120 |
| TENDERLOINS | | R | 139.00 | 10 | 139.00 | 10 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | | F | 155.00 | 40 | | |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH | 174.00 | | 174.00 | 20 | 174.57 | 84 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | | F | 43.00 | 40 | | |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | | | | | |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/ | 15.00-17.00 | | 16.20 | 200 | 16.81 | 826 |
| EXPORT TRADING | | | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | 24.00 | | 24.00 | 104 | 24.01 | 792 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | W | 18.50 | 104 | 18.50 | 184 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 24.00 | | 24.00 | 312 | 24.00 | 312 |
| TAILS | | R | 19.00 | 80 | 20.13 | 184 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | 12.00-14.50 | | 12.63 | 160 | 12.97 | 632 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 60.00-64.00 | | 62.22 | 360 | 61.00 | 960 |

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